

In an internet age, letters to the editor are rare as hen's teeth: with emails thick as autumn leaves. Unfortunately, 'repositioning' equipment suppliers has absent-minded editors vulnerable to slip-ups, as noted by Martin Walker.

Emails to the Ed



I spotted the following slip-up in Dr Alan Mills article on *Nitrides in Europe* (pp36-38, November 2004 issue. "Additionally, Europe is home to leading MBE equipment manufacturers (eg. Riber and VG now Veeco)."

I am pleased to say that VG Semicon was not purchased by the Americans (Veeco), but is now part of Oxford Instruments Plasma Technology. We are proud to see the development of nitride based devices on our MBE systems, including violet lasers created by the V90 in the High Pressure

Laboratory at the University of Warsaw and ammonia based nitride blue lasers by Sharp on their V80H.

The most recent user of our systems for nitrides is Northrop Grumman Corporation in the United States, who have recently received their new V90.

Regards

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